AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Paragraph at page 2, lines 35-36:

Figures 2A and 2B show ~~Figure 2 shows~~ a comparison of the amino acid sequences of the human AAC-11 protein (SEQ ID NO:16) and SEQ ID NO:8.

Paragraph at page 19, lines 5-14:

The sequence of the corn contig composed of clones p0031.ccmba65r, p0037.crwaj44r, p0049.curar45r, p0004.cb1ha38r, p0011.cdapf47r, cbn10.pk0041.h3, cen1.pk0032.d4 and p0116.cesag38r encodes an entire AAC-11 protein and is shown in SEQ ID NO:7; the deduced amino acid sequence of this contig is shown in SEQ ID NO:8. The amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:8 was evaluated by BLASTP, yielding a pLog value of 49.70 versus the human sequence. A calculation of the percent similarity of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:8 and the *Homo sapiens* AAC-11 sequence reveals that the corn AAC-11 amino acid sequence is 21% similar to the human AAC-11 protein. Figures 2A and 2B present ~~Figure 2 presents~~ an alignment of the amino acid sequences set forth in SEQ ID NO:8 and the human AAC-11 sequence.